

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Yogesh K. Aggarwal
Takaaki Endo, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Appln. No.: 10/779,791)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 9489
Filed: February 18, 2004)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)	February 25, 2009
AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	:	

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated February 5, 2009, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before May 5, 2009, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the February 5, 2009 Notice of Allowability on the grounds that whereas the Reasons refer to features of Claim 15 which recites "steps", Claim 17 instead recites --means--.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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